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Regarding specific question on official or propagandistic nature

Cherepanov lecture which disparaged Western capacity and will to fight over Berlin: Message of entire lecture - of which subject of Berlin only small part - centered on great past and greater future victories USSR on eve 21st Party Congress. Cherepanov presentation, therefore, probably reflects pre-Congress propaganda as much as official thinking. However, possibility official Soviet misinterpretation to effect West prepared to retreat from firm position on Berlin must be reckoned with.

Official US estimate Soviet intentions and views set forth in para 5 of remains valid. FYI This SNIE

SNIE 100-13-58: Soviet Policy in Berlin Crisis/ ~~which is being updated~~ was pouched USRO January 30, 1959 END FYI

~~with possible changes Soviet position in current negotiations should be~~

~~replaced with current estimate of Soviet position in current negotiations~~

~~states that any communication that West intended to use force would prevent~~

~~Soviets taking over Berlin and that if negotiations fail, pressure~~

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You should not raise subject at Feb 17 meeting, but if others do, you should comment along above lines. You should also add that US determination maintain its position in Berlin does not RPT not depend upon any estimate of Soviet intentions (or estimate of how they view our own intentions) and would not RPT not be affected by such estimate.

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